



# Between the lines

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## Voters to Decide on the Future Growth of the Sunnyvale Library

**By Deborah Barrow,  
Director of Libraries**

On November 6, 2007, Sunnyvale voters will have the opportunity to decide on the future growth of the Sunnyvale Public Library. On July 24, the City Council voted to place a measure on the November ballot that, if approved by voters, will fund a new library to address current and future community needs.

The Sunnyvale Public Library reached its maximum capacity as far back as the early 1990s. The library has fallen behind in its ability to upgrade and expand the children's reading and learning areas, provide an expanded and diverse collection of books and other materials, and provide expanded computer labs for children, seniors and the general public. The library needs quiet reading areas, study rooms, and community meeting rooms for expanded educational and cultural programs.

The existing 1960s brick building has been expanded twice in the past. It has aged and cannot meet the demands of a very busy public library. Nearly 2,200 library users come to the Sunnyvale Public Library on a daily basis. According to statistics reported to the California State Library Sunnyvale's library is one of the busiest libraries in California for its size and population category. The Sunnyvale Public Library had nearly 2.23 million checkouts last year with approximately 300,000 of those checkouts going to non-Sunnyvale residents. However, Sunnyvale residents went to other libraries during that same period and

checked out approximately 1 million items to fulfill their unmet needs. A library as busy as Sunnyvale's needs more space and a modern physical infrastructure with upgraded electrical, plumbing and other building systems to meet the needs of a growing community.

The City is committed to environmental sustainability and the new library will be no exception. The library building will be "green" designed, carbon neutral, and will have a certification level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum. LEED Platinum is the highest of designations in the point system developed by the US Green Building Council to measure environmental sustainability in buildings.

The Council has approved a preliminary plan for a library of 116,000 s.f. with the option to expand up to 143,500 s.f., depending on the availability of funding. The new library would be located adjacent to the current library building on the Sunnyvale Office Center site. The City provided a portion of vacant land valued at \$5 million for lease for 5 years for a community garden. The Council has directed that the new library design creatively incorporate the concept of a community garden. The library and garden community will work together to accomplish Council goals.

If the \$108 million general obligation bond measure passes in November, a design process including public input will begin early in 2008 with anticipated completion of the library in 2010/11.

## An Easy Way to Open a World of Information

**By Garrett Kuramoto**

Believe it or not, a Sunnyvale Public Library Card may be one of the most powerful items you can carry in your wallet or on your keychain. True, though it may not possess the spending power of a Platinum VISA card or fire up the engine of a tricked-out Lancer Evo, it does open up a portal to a virtually limitless world of information and enlightenment.

A Sunnyvale Library Card allows you to check out materials from our wide and varied collection. We have a variety of fiction and nonfiction books, including new bestsellers and classics. You can also find books in Large Print, in audio format, and in a variety of non-English languages. We also have an extremely popular selection of music CDs and movies, including new release feature films and a growing selection of documentary films and television programs. Our children's and teen collections should also not be missed. Library card holders also enjoy free access to our public Internet PCs which include Microsoft Office applications. Your library card is also a key to accessing dozens of online databases through our library

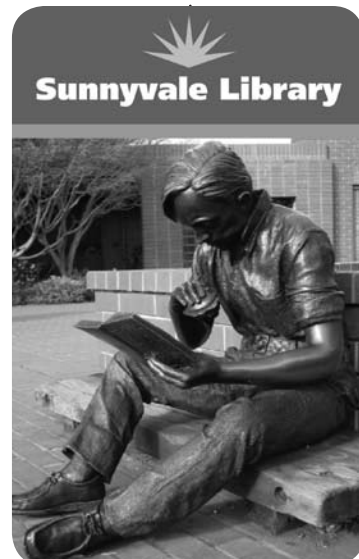
subscriptions. Databases are useful tools for researching almost any topic and contain high-quality information that can usually not be found in free Internet search engines like Google. Nearly all our databases can be accessed from any computer on the Internet with your library card. There really is a whole world of information available at the Library!

With all this potential packaged in a plastic card, you will be pleased to know that we have made it a little quicker and easier to get a brand new library card issued. You will now find links to our Online Library Card Registration form on both the Library Cards page of our Library Web site, [www.sunnyvalelibrary.org](http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org), and our Catalog home page. This form may be used by persons applying for a Sunnyvale Library Card for the first time. After supplying some basic information, you will be issued a confirmation

number, which you can bring to the Circulation Desk at the Library, along with your identification and proof of address for verification purposes. Within minutes, you will carry away your new library card, and hopefully your first selections from our growing collection of books and other media.

Keep in mind that this new registration system is for first-time library card applications only. If you have ever had a Sunnyvale Library Card, even if it is expired or missing, please speak to a Circulation staff member to have your card renewed or re-issued.

So open up your wallet and check your key ring. Is your library card there? If so, we hope you'll share this article with a friend who has yet to get a card. If you don't have a card, we hope to see you soon.



## What Happens To Audio Cassettes That Won't Play?

**By Margie Crawford**

When a patron lets us know that an audio or music cassette is broken or otherwise unplayable, it is sent to the Library's Technical Services division where it is evaluated and repaired.

Cassettes can be damaged in a number of ways. Besides just wearing out, they can be broken, twisted, stretched, stuck, demagnetized or missing the pressure pad. Most of these

problems can be repaired except for demagnetization which causes the audio to fade in and out.

Cassettes can be demagnetized at the self-check out terminals so do not place them on the machine while checking out other items. At home do not place them on speakers or near magnets. If the audio sounds backwards or like a foreign language, it is twisted and can be repaired.

You can help us keep cassettes in good condition by letting us know if you have a problem and which tape or tapes in a set needs repair. Please do not attempt to repair a broken tape at home which can lead to further damage to the tape. We appreciate your help in identifying cassette problems, so that we can quickly repair them and make them available for your continued enjoyment.



For complete information on the Sunnyvale Public Library, please call (408) 730-7300 or visit

**[www.sunnyvalelibrary.org](http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org)**



# Your Library Catalog On the Move

By Garrett Kuramoto

Gadget fans and early adopters of cutting edge cell phones and personal digital assistants (PDAs) have seen a dizzying array of features and technologies added to their mobile devices over the years. Wireless connectivity and improved applications have opened the Internet to users on the move. However, as technology in the wired world has made it possible to upload and download large amounts of information, images, video, and audio to the Internet with ease, many popular Web sites have grown bigger and better but also more bloated. Although this trend may have gone relatively unnoticed to the user with a powerful PC and a blazing fast Internet connection, it has definitely made browsing the Web more difficult for those with smaller screens and slower connections. In an effort to increase accessibility, many organizations offer an alternative version of their Web site containing few or no images or redesign the layout for faster loading of essential information.

With mobile device users in mind, the Sunnyvale Library is now pleased to offer a text-only catalog interface called AirPAC. AirPAC is essentially identical to the regular Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) available within the Library or outside through our Web site, and used for browsing the collection, searching for materials, accessing account information, or managing holds and renewals. Using AirPAC, a patron should experience faster loading and a text-only format more suitable for reading on a small screen but with all the same functions as the regular OPAC with the exception of the Pay Fees Online system.

So if you want to place a hold from a Hawaiian hotel, you can. If you need to renew your items while river rafting, no problem (other than a

waterlogged PDA). Or if you just want to check to see if an item is available while waiting for your bus or train, it's easy with the new AirPAC.

Accessing AirPAC is easy as well. Just point your browser to *AirPAC.inSunnyvale.com* and get started! You can begin by searching for items, or log in to your account by clicking the "View your patron information" link and entering your information, including your library card number which must include all 14 digits. As you navigate around, use the "Up" links to return to a previous screen and "Home" to logout and return to the home screen. To place holds, locate the desired item record and click the "Request" link. You cannot browse in a logged-in state and therefore placing multiple holds simultaneously is not possible.

We hope you will try out and enjoy the AirPAC system. For more information, view our AirPAC page under the Catalog channel at our Library Web site, *www.sunnyvalelibrary.org*.

I can imagine a life without writing, but I cannot imagine a life without reading. I spent my childhood reading. I put my book down on the side table. I felt that everyone stops (in the book) and waits to go on until you come back to it (the book).

Anna Quindlen, 2007

# The High Strung Hit The Books

By JoAnn Rees

The somber, hushed interior of a library is not the first place you'd expect to find a rock band. Is it even legal to make that much noise in a library? Apparently so, as The High Strung, the first band to ever conduct a national tour of libraries, get ready to do it all again. Fresh off of their tour supporting legendary county-folk-roots-rock band Son Volt, The High Strung are now beginning their second annual library tour! The band will be performing at libraries in more than a dozen states over three months (sometimes two libraries in the same day!). They won't just be playing, either: the band will lead the audience in a collaborative song improvisation, as well as taking questions about what it's like to be a touring band. Their last library tour was covered on Public Radio International's *This American Life*, which is like winning an Oscar for us bookish types. To listen, visit:

[www.thisamericanlife.org/pages/descriptions/05/294.html](http://www.thisamericanlife.org/pages/descriptions/05/294.html)

Hailed by Rolling Stone magazine as one of the best new, young rock & roll bands in America, NPR's Ken Tucker named The High Strung's debut album **These Are The Good Times** as one of the Top 10 Rock Records of 2003, and the *Washington Post* called the title track "runner up best song of the year." The band's videos have been seen on MTV, including full features in *Entertainment Weekly* and *Spin* magazine.

Learn more about the band and the tour by visiting them at:

[www.thehighstrung.com](http://www.thehighstrung.com)

Teens in 6th grade and older and interested adults are invited to see The High Strung perform at the Sunnyvale Public Library on Monday, October 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call in October to find out which local high school band will be warming up for them from 5:30 to 6 p.m.!

# PSST!! Pass It On... We're Bloggin' at the Library

By Sara Kempen

A blog is defined as a Web site with entries in chronological (or reverse chronological) order. Ok, you knew that. But did you know that the Sunnyvale Library currently provides three blogs for your reading, listening, and viewing pleasure?

The newest blog at the Library is authored by the librarians at the Information/Reference Desk and is called Pass It On. This blog strives to "pass on" great resources, tips, tricks, and just about anything that is judged to be of interest to the community. Check it out at:

[passitonsv.wordpress.com](http://passitonsv.wordpress.com)

or click on the link from the Library Web site under News and Events and then the Programs for Adults.

Current entries include news about the Adult Summer Reading Program, the Monthly Book Group, and a simple way to find great books at the Library. Future articles may highlight great Web sites and blogs we've found, advice on getting high quality information, ways to ace your homework, and just about anything we think is worth passing on.

The two other Sunnyvale Library blogs established this past year include:

Director Deborah Barrow's Library of the Future Blog:

[sunnyvalelibrary.blogspot.com](http://sunnyvalelibrary.blogspot.com)

and the Audio/Video Blog showcasing library programs and stories about Sunnyvale history from residents who lived it:

[www.librarypodcasts.org](http://www.librarypodcasts.org)

# Update on NASA Missions

By Sara Kempen

NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Eric Norris will provide an update on NASA missions on Tuesday, September 18 at 7 p.m. in the Library Program Room. Some of the missions he'll discuss include the Phoenix Mars Mission, scheduled to launch in August, which is searching for evidence of water or ice and other indicators of life, past or present; the Dawn mission to asteroids Ceres and Vesta which hopes to learn more about the formation of our solar

system; Mars Exploration Rovers Spirit and Opportunity, and the new extended missions for the Deep Impact and Stardust spacecraft to make new observations of comets and characterize extrasolar planets. This program is intended for adults and teens; please contact the Information/Reference Desk (408) 730-7300 regarding the appropriateness for children under age 13.



**Sunnyvale Public Library**  
665 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

## Library Hours

Monday–Thursday	10am–9pm
Friday & Saturday	10am–6pm
Sunday	12pm–8pm

Book and media drops are located outside the Library for after-hours returns.

Telephone Numbers	Area Code
Borrowers' Records	(408) 730-2748
Children's & Teen Services	(408) 730-7292
Deaf Access: TDD/TYY	(408) 730-7501
Dial-A-Story (English)	(408) 730-7333
Dial-A-Story (Spanish)	(408) 737-4907
Information & Reference	(408) 730-7300
Library Cards	(408) 730-2748
Library Administration	(408) 730-7316
Overdue Materials	(408) 730-7309
Renewals (Automated)	(408) 730-7310
Special Outreach Services	(408) 730-7306

## Library Web Site

[www.sunnyvalelibrary.org](http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org)

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sunnyvale will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodation, please contact the library.